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ACT ONE

FADE IN:

EXT. SPACE _

A pair of BLADE WINGS swoop through frame, crossing one another's path, obviously searching for something they can't seem to find.

TEKLA (VO)
(1) Tekla to search ships, have you located their energy signature yet?

INT. BLADE WING

A helmeted ICE PILOT checks his scanners and shakes his head sadly on TEKLA's viewscreen.

ICE PILOT
(2) We've checked the entire sector where the planet first appeared, Princess.

TEKLA (FILTERED)
(3) And...?

PULL BACK - Pyrus pilots, as Tekla watches a holographic projection from VOXX replaying the events from last episode.

ICE PILOT (FILTERED)
(4) There is no trace of it...or our missing friends who crashed there.
TEKLA
(5) I just don't understand this. It was a routine scouting mission. How could it have gone so wrong?

Tekla pauses to think while we watch VOXX's replay.

TEKLA (cont'd)
(6) Keep looking. They have to be out there somewhere.

ICE PILOT
(defensive)
(7) Princess, we've run a wide and thorough scan. King Cryos, Graveheart, Jade, and Femur are simply...gone.

Suddenly, they are interrupted by the image of LORD MANTEL appearing on Tekla's viewscreen.

LORD MANTEL
(8) Pyrus, Tekla. Forget your search and come to me on Planet Rock.

PYRUS

(9) What?!? No way. We have to keep looking for --

Pyrus is gently restrained by Tekla. She interrupts.

TEKLA
(10) Lord Mantel, we would be honored to join.

LORD MANTEL
(grumbling)
(11) Fine. Just be quick about it.

Mantel signs off as Pyrus stares at Tekla in shock.

PYRUS
(12) What was that about? You hate Mantel as much as I do. We can't forget about our friends just because he decides to call.

TEKLA
(13) Agreed. But since I am acting on Graveheart's behalf, I must do as he would do.

CLOSE ON TEKLA - looking grim.

TEKLA (cont'd)
(14) And, like it or not, for the sake of the Alliance, he would go to Rock.

Pyrus slumps in his seat, ticked off.

PYRUS
(15) I still think it stinks.

TEKLA
(16) Try looking at the bright side. Perhaps Mantel intends to offer us his help.

We follow Tekla's Blade Wing as it soars toward PLANET ROCK.

INT. MANTEL'S THRONE ROOM

LORD MANTEL sit his throne, looking suitably dramatic, as our heroes and their escort enter.

LORD MANTEL
(17) Now that Cryos and the traitor are gone, I am officially assuming

leadership of the Four Planets Alliance.

PYRUS
(18) You've got to be kidding. Their trail isn't even cold and you're already writing them off.

TEKLA
(19) We came here out of respect, Lord Mantel. We expect to be treated likewise.

LORD MANTEL
(20) What? Of all the arrogant --

Suddenly, PELVUS enters, trying to look regal. He flies in on his blimp, that suddenly loses air and slowly slumps to the ground.

PELVUS
(with a flourish)
(21) Presenting Pelvus...Emperor of Bone.
(he looks around, disappointed)
What? No trumpets? I ordered trumpets.
(then, SIGHING)

PELVUS
(gulps, then)
(23) I am here, Lord Mantel, to offer you Planet Bone's allegiance.

PYRUS
(23a) What?!

Mantel smiles at Pelvus's comment, then turns to Pyrus.

LORD MANTEL
(24) Your friends are gone, boy. Accept it.

PYRUS
(25) Not a chance Mantel! But I'm be glad to accept your head on a --

TEKLA
(26) Pyrus!

Tekla composes herself.

TEKLA
(27) Lord Mantel, we intend to continue our search and would appreciate your help

TEKLA (cont'd)
(28) Even now, our ally Zuma has returned to Planet Sand to join her mind with her Kindred...

Pelvus twirls a finger in the air. Whoopee.

Tekla works to maintain her own composure.

TEKLA (cont'd)
(29) Together, they will send a psychic beacon in an attempt to locate our friends.

CLOSE ON MANTEL

LORD MANTEL
(30) Well, if you want my help, you know what you must do...

Mantel gives a cobra grin...

LORD MANTEL (cont'd)
(31) ...Give me command of this Alliance.

Mantel raises his fist and smashes it down on the throne.

LORD MANTEL (cont'd)
(32) I will give you time to decide...but you had best decide quickly. Now begone!

CUT TO:

EXT. THE PRISON PLANET - TO ESTABLISH

INT. PRISON PLANET - STERNUM'S STRONGHOLD - THE HOLE

A TERRIFIED FEMUR is in the corner of his cell, desperately trying to dig a hole through the wall with his fingers. He is having absolutely no luck.

FEMUR
(muttering to himself)
(34) He can't still be alive...he can't still be alive...but if he is...

FEMUR
(he digs harder)
(35) ...I've gotta get outta here!

All his scrabbling hasn't scratched the wall at all. Finally, defeated, Femur slumps back, his back against the cell door.

FEMUR (cont'd)
(36) Nothin'. But I gotta find some way outta here before it's --

Suddenly, the door opens wide. Femur falls out of his cell.

FEMUR (cont'd)
(37) -- too late?!?

Femur looks up. Bone, Ice and Fire warriors, marked as being on Sternum's side, stand above him. As Femur gets up, the guards reveal their weapons, all aimed at him. Femur GULPS.

BONE WARRIOR
(38) There's someone who wants to see you.

FEMUR
(gulps)
(39) N-not him. Anyone but him.

They grab his hands and drag him out kicking and screaming.

FEMUR (cont'd)
(40) NO! Take me back! Lock me up! Swallow the key! Somebody HELLLPPPPP MEEEEEE!

CUT TO:

INT. PRISON PLANET - JEWELIA'S STRONGHOLD - NIGHT

Graveheart and Cryos stand alone in a empty warehouse, GH studies a large weapon.

CRYOS
(41) Graveheart, we need to talk --

JEWELIA (OS)
(42) So...what do you think, Graveheart?

GRAVEHEART
(43) This is quite an arsenal, Jewelia.
JEWELIA
(44) We've done well, all things considered.

GRAVEHEART
(45) But I'm still not certain about attacking Sternum's camp.

JEWELIA
(46) You're the one who believes your friends are still alive. I'm the one telling you Sternum doesn't take prisoners.

Jewelia gives him a sexy smile and then turns to Cryos..

JEWELIA (cont'd)
(47) What's your opinion, Ice King?

He's embarrassed and steps back, then looks UP to the sky.

CRYOS
(48) Your arsenal is quite impressive, but that is not what concerns me. It is the stars...

JEWELIA
(49) Why Cryos, talking about the stars. You don't seem the romantic type...

Jewelia gives Graveheart a smile.

JEWELIA (cont'd)
(50) ... not like Graveheart here.

Graveheart blushes, Cryos controls his annoyance with Jewelia.

CRYOS
(Destain)
(51) Flaming balls of gas are hardly romantic. What I wanted to say was that they are different. It appears the Prison Planet has moved.

Jewelia and Graveheart look up.

GRAVEHEART
(52) What!?!

JEWELIA
(53) Sternum! The Lousy Toad! He must have used the teleport engines.

EXT. PLANET ICE - TO ESTABLISH

INT. PLANET ICE - MONITOR ROOM

Pyrus is pacing as Tekla works over a control panel.

PYRUS
(54) Our friends are alive. I know it! Mantel's got some crust, trying to take over the Alliance.
TEKLA
(55) Do not worry, Pyrus. There are safeguards in place to make certain that power will never be his.

PYRUS
(56) I hope so, because it'll be a cold day in the Inferno before I'd ever swear allegiance to him.

INT. PLANET ROCK - LORD MANTEL'S THRONE ROOM

Mantel sits looking at something in his hand we cannot see, he clutches it with an evil smile.

INT. STERNUM'S STRONGHOLD_- NIGHT

STERNUM has a BATTLESTAFF in hand. He's poised. Then, suddenly, a WARRIOR attacks. He spins, his staff smashing into the warrior's calf. The warrior falls.

JADE leans against a building, watching with some amusement.

Two more WARRIORS attack in tandem. Sternum plants his staff in the ground then, holding onto it, leaps so he circles it, slamming both warriors off their feet.

Jade is impressed.

Sternum looks over the battlefield littered with fallen warriors. He shakes his head - pitiful. He turns to Jade.

JADE
(57) I have seen better.

STERNUM
(58) Really? Who?

Jade picks up a battlestaff and challenges Sternum.

JADE
(59) Who do you think?

As she turns back to Sternum, she takes a swing at him.

JADE (cont'd)
(60) So, have you found my friends? And what have you done with Femur?

Sternum easily parries her move.

STERNUM
(61) Why should you care? Rock and Bone have always been enemies. Are you Femur's slave? His mate, perhaps?

They keep sparring, testing one another's weaknesses. With each line spoken, another blow is struck and parried.

JADE
(62) I would sooner feed him to the Beast... but Graveheart finds him useful.

STERNUM
(63) Use<u>less</u> is more like it. How could a coward like Femur be useful to anyone?

JADE
(64) All the planets of our Cluster are now united against a common foe.

STERNUM
(65) Ah, yes. The Beast Planet. Tell me more.

Their battlestaffs crossed, they are almost face-to-face.

JADE
(66) You ask too many questions.

STERNUM
(67) I prefer my enemies to be...enemies.

Suddenly, Jade uses her staff to knock Sternum's legs out from under him. He falls.

JADE
(68) What does that make me?

She reaches out with her staff standing over Sternum.

STERNUM
(69) A challenge.

Sternum grabs the staff and uses it to pull himself to his feet. He rises and dusts himself off.

STERNUM (cont'd)
(70) Despite your poor taste in travelling companions, I still wish to know more about this Alliance of --

FEMUR (OS)
(71) Hey! Lemme go, ya big geeks!

Sternum and Jade turn to see Femur being dragged, kicking and screaming across the room by several of Sternum's men. Suddenly, Femur sees Sternum and reacts with horror.

STERNUM
(72) You asked about the worm, now here he is.

FEMUR
(73) St-Sternum?

Femur pulls free of the guards and tries to flee the room.

FEMUR (cont'd)
(74) Lemme outta here.

One quick guard grabs him by the back of his armor, pulling him off the ground, so his feet are running in mid-air.

FEMUR
(75) No! Lemme go. HEEEEELP!

Femur is tossed in front of Sternum and Jade. He scrambles behind Jade, looking for protection.

FEMUR
(76) Shoot him, Jade! Ya gotta take this monster out before he wastes us both.

Femur clings to Jade, until she Shoves him aside. Sternum comes up and stands over Femur, smiling down. Femur tries to back away, but there are guards behind him.

STERNUM
(77) Femur, Femur, is that any way to talk about your own dear, loving brother?

And, off Jade's astonished expression, we:

FADE OUT.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

INT. JEWELIA'S STRONGHOLD

Jewelia gives orders to her men, who salute, then take off. As Cryos and Graveheart watch, Cryos lowers his voice so as not to be heard by her.

CRYOS
(sotto)
(78) Graveheart, we need to discuss Jewelia. I fear she --

JEWELIA (OS)
(79) Talking about me, boys?

Jewelia approaches, smiling. Cryos smoothly recovers and changes the subject.

CRYOS
(80) Ah yes,Jewelia- Perhaps you can help: There was once an Emperor Sternum on Bone. I was wondering if he could be --
Interrupting, Jewelia grabs a weapon from a table and tosses it to a startled Cryos.

JEWELIA
(81) Look, we haven't got all night to play guessing games. We've got a war to win.

Cryos looks at his weapon, then at Jewelia. Then he puts the weapon down.

CRYOS
(98) I think not. I am still...recovering from our crash. I shall wait for you here.

GRAVEHEART
(99) Are you sure, Cryos?

Cryos nods. Jewelia glares at him, then she and Graveheart exit. The moment they are gone, Cryos turns to and quickly grabs an Ice Guard by the helmet.

CRYOS
(100) Now what say you and I have a talk?

INT. STERNUM'S STRONGHOLD

Femur holds out a hand to Jade, expecting her to help him to his feet. She just ignores him, speaking to Sternum, and Femur finally has to get to his feet himself.

JADE
(82) Femur is...your brother?

FEMUR
(83) Don't talk to him, toots. Just kill him.

Femur scurries behind Jade as Sternum smiles at him.

STERNUM
(84) Femur, my dear sibling, you have always ...amused me.

Sternum aims his battlestaff at a trembling Femur.

STERNUM (cont'd)
(85) But the time for humor is long past.

FEMUR
(86) Hey, wait. No. Ya can't. I'm your own flesh-an'-blood, Sternum. Ya can't --

Suddenly, Jade blocks Sternum's staff with her own. For a moment, they struggle, their staffs locked.

STERNUM
(confused)
(87) You defy me?

FEMUR
(88) Yeah. Defy him, doll. Defy him.

Sternum looks at Femur and his anger grows. Fighting to calm himself, he lowers his staff and turns to Jade.

STERNUM
(89) All right. Come with me. See for yourself why this worm deserves to suffer.

INT. JEWELIA'S STRONGHOLD

Jewelia, Graveheart and her men walk along the compound into battle with Sternums men.

GRAVEHEART
(91) You said Sternum is planning another attack. How do you know?

Jewelia slugs down some water from a bottle as she speaks.

JEWELIA
(92) Sternum uses the teleporters to invade other worlds, then disappear before they can retaliate.

Jewelia offers Graveheart the bottle. He takes it.

Graveheart takes a drink from the bottle.

JEWELIA (cont'd)
(94) We've tried to stop him, but he controls all the technology here. We're at his mercy.

Graveheart hands her back her bottle. She takes hold of it but doesn't yet let go. He stares deep into her eyes.

GRAVEHEART
(96) We'll just have to change that.

JEWELIA
(97) Good. By morning, control of the planet will be mine, and you can use the teleporters to send you home.

EXT. SPACE

Blade Wings move swiftly through space, searching for signs of Graveheart and company. PUSH IN on the lead ship.

ICE PILOT
(101) Search ship one reporting to base. We --

INT. BLADE WING

The Ice Pilot reports in. The Ice Pilot suddenly reacts to something on his scanner. Its beast drones. WIDEN out on the monitor to see the Beast Planet is following slowly behind.

ICE PILOT (cont'd)

(102) ....I'm picking up something.

PYRUS (FILTERED)
(103) Graveheart and the others?

ICE PILOT
(102a) Beast Drones!

INT. PLANET ICE - MONITOR ROOM

Tekla, Pyrus and Pelvus all stand in the control room.

PYRUS
(105) I thought we'd lost them weeks ago. How in blazes did they find us?

EXT. SPACE

The Alliance ships take a zigzag course to avoid BD fire, taking out several Drone ships as they go.

INT. BLADE WING

The stunned Ice Pilot is trying to fire, but can't.Suddenly all the power is drained from the ship and the troops are left helpless.

ICE PILOT
(108) -- NO! Our weapons! They are...off-line.

TEKLA
(106) Abandon the search, return to the fleet.

The Blade Wings turn to leave but the ships remain frozen, they have absolutely no energy. An ice pilot whips off his helmet in shock and speaks to Tekla through the viewscreen.

ICE PILOT
(107) We've lost main thrusters!

TEKLA
(106a) Dont worry, help is on the way.

INT. PLANET ICE - MONITOR ROOM

We watch as the entire fleets of Ice and Fire remain frozen in outerspace with no where to go.

FIRE PILOT (VO)

(107a) Prince Pyrus, the entire fire fleet has lost primary thermals.Were not going anywhere!

TEKLA (CONFUSED)
(109) Voxx, scan and reinitiate Alliance weapons codes.

PYRUS
(111) What are you doing?

TEKLA
(112) Every planet has an access code that controls its defenses...

Voxx inserts himself into a computer input in the ship.

VOXX
(110) Scanning.

(112A)TEKLA (CONT'D)
...we are attempting to bring them back online.

A image of an Ice Pilot appears on the viewscreen, he is terrified.

ICE PILOT
(113) Hurry, base! Were sitting ducks out here.

INT. PLANET ICE - MONITOR ROOM

Tekla and Pyrus stare at each other dumbfounded as their monitor screen turns to static. Then, after a beat, the monitor comes back online. This time with Mantel's face on it. He is sitting on his throne, looking quite casual.

LORD MANTEL (FILTERED)
(115) Your time is up.

TEKLA
(116) Mantel? Not now. We are at war. Our ships cannot fight back.

LORD MANTEL (FILTERED)
(117) Of course not. Just who do you think is controlling your weapons?

The two are stunned. Pelvus simply smiles and exits the room.

LORD MANTEL (FILTERED) (VO)

(118) Unless you want to suffer far more casualties than any of us wish to see...

INT. PLANET ICE - MONITOR ROOM

Tekla and Pyrus stare at each other in shock.

LORD MANTEL (cont'd)
(119) ...You will turn over control of the Alliance to me. I will then restore fire power to your ships.

They look at the other monitors. Alliance ships are fleeing the Drones, doing their best to zigzag and swoop and avoid being hit, but here and there an Alliance ship is destroyed.

LORD MANTEL (cont'd)
(120) Defy me, and I promise you your precious Alliance is finished.

RADIO VOICE
(121) Base, we're surrounded. You've got to do something. Help us. Help us.

(Pick up other ÒPilots in trouble & pleading.Ó Walla as well).

The two stare at each other. What should they do?

FADE OUT.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

EXT. PRISON PLANET - TO RE-ESTABLISH

EXT. STERNUM'S STRONGHOLD

Jade and Sternum head across the compound with Sternum pushing Femur along. Femur looks to Jade for help.

FEMUR
(122) No, really, you don't have to bring me along. Y'can tell me all about it later.

STERNUM
(123) You disgust me, brother. Do you enjoy being a snivelling coward?

FEMUR
(124) Hey, it’s a living.

Sternum shoves him forward head on into a wall.

STERNUM
(125) Not for much longer.

JADE
(to Sternum)
(126) One of you must be adopted.

STERNUM
(127) No. We are brothers by blood.

JADE
(128) Then the gene pool was polluted.

Sternum taps a button his his arm device and a wall door slides open into blackness. They enter.

STERNUM
(129) Inside, brother. Let me show you how I have lived for all these many years.

A frightened Femur begins to enters as a red light glows over the area.

INT. PLANET ICE - MONITOR ROOM

Tekla and Pyrus watch as even more ships are destroyed. The Drone Ships are closing in and we can feel it.

TEKLA
(130) How can I turn the Alliance over to a madman who would allow such carnage? How did Mantel gain control of all our weapons codes?

PYRUS
(131) My money’s on Pelvus. You saw how he sucks up to Mantel.

TEKLA
(132) Hurry, Voxx. If you can’t circumvent Mantel’s override, our ships out there are doomed.

VOXX

(133) Processing. Eleven seconds until
--

As Voxx, linked to the computer, enters data, a sudden surge of energy runs back along the link. Voxx SQUEALS, and is thrown back across the room by the surge. He smashes against a wall, and drops to the floor, dented and smoking.

TEKLA
(horrified)
(134) Voxx! NOOOOOO!

EXT. STERNUM'S STRONGHOLD

Guards patrol the walls. Suddenly, a wall EXPLODES inward followed by Jewelia and her troops. Graveheart beside her, weapons ready.

Jade's warriors stream in, firing as they come.

JEWELIA'S MEN
(battlecry)
(136) FOR JEWELLLLIIAAAAA!!

Sternum's men dive for cover as blasts sizzle around them. One Sternum soldier grabs his gun and fires back.

Graveheart and Jewelia, back to back, are firing.

JEWELIA
(137) Look at my men. They're willing to die for me. Isn't that wonderful?

She looks wild, enjoying the carnage. Graveheart gives her a Ôwhat's wrong with you?' look.

GRAVEHEART
(138) I'm going to find Jade and Femur.
Sternum's men, hiding behind cover, are firing.

STERNUM WARRIOR
(139) Where's Sternum when we need him?

INT. LIMBO AREA

Solid black. Then a high speed elevator with Sternum and Jade descends into view, zooming down at terrifying speeds.

INT. ELEVATOR

Sternum enjoys the ride while Jade simply takes it in. Femur looks like he's going to barf.

FEMUR
(140) Anybody think ta bring a barfbag?

JADE
(141) Where are we going?

Suddenly, the elevator stops. Jade is curious as the door opens and they step out. Their eyes widen in shock.

STERNUM
(142) Welcome to my nightmare.

INT. CELL BLOCK

Imagine the KRELL HOMEWORLD from *Forbidden Planet*; endless levels of prison cells receding into the distance in all directions as the lights slowly come on. They walk along one of the narrow levels. Femur is nervously following behind.

JADE
(143) This is...

STERNUM
(144) Amazing, is it not?

Sternum, Jade and Femur are at the edge of a level looking straight down to, oh, a thousand levels below this one. Jade looks up: A thousand more levels rise up above.

STERNUM
(145) Cell block sixteen. There were fifty others exactly like it in this pit.

Sternum, Femur, and Jade walk along the level staring at the endless rows of cells that surround them on all sides. The place is dark and frightening. Femur stares, not liking what he knows he's going to hear. He tries to go.

FEMUR
(146) Okay. Seen it. Let's go buy some postcards now.

Sternum grabs him by the neck and forces him ahead.

STERNUM
(147) No, brother. I want you to <u>feel</u> the life to which you so joyfully sentenced me.

They walk the corridors...this is not a nice place to be.

STERNUM (cont'd)

(148) The prison planet was built to house the cluster worlds' deadliest criminals...

They come to something that looks like some horrible TORTURE DEVICE. Femur tries to turn away but Sternum forces him to look. Jade grimly stares at it all.

STERNUM (cont'd)
(149) We learned to obey all orders. This was the alternative.

It is a chair device with allsorts of horrible weapons attached to it.Sternum begins to twitch as he flashes back to his days in the torture chair.

STERNUM (cont'd)
(149a) Care to try it my brother?

FEMUR
(150) N-no. I-I'll take yer word.

Sternum thinks for a moment.

STERNUM
(151) Perhaps later.

Sternum pushes Femur forward. They head down the corridor.

STERNUM (cont'd)
(152) We were rarely fed and forced to work without rest.

They continue on.

STERNUM (cont'd)
(153) How many years were wasted here, Femur, while you ruled in my place?

FEMUR
(154) Hey, you're alive, ain'cha? It couldn't have been that bad.

Sternum grabs Femur by the neck and lifts him up over the ledge as if ready to drop him. Femur looks down.

STERNUM
(155) Not that bad? You insufferable --

FEMUR

(156)(choking)
NO ..DON'T.

Sternum puts Femur back down on the ground.

STERNUM
(157) I won't... Quite Yet.

Femur drops, clutching his neck. Sternum stares at him with hate in his eyes, then turns away toward a tunnel.

STERNUM (cont'd)
(159) It was through this tunnel that we found salvation. The great engines that were ancient long before our races were born.

JADE
(160) World engines. We have them, too.

a FLASHBACK shot or two of Sternum leading an armed revolt, prisoners running down corridors, shooting...

STERNUM
(161) No. These engines can teleport anywhere. It was I who discovered them and it was my revolt that freed us from our guards so that we could take control of our own destiny.

Jade and Femur stare at Sternum.

EXT. STERNUM'S STRONGHOLD

There are explosions everywhere. Graveheart rips open air ducts and shouts inside...

GRAVEHEART
(162) Jade? Femur? JAAAAAAADE!

Suddenly, Sternum's men are firing at him. He somersaults back to his feet and leaps behind the tube.

A bay door opens up to reveal a huge sonic cannon, it takes aim at Jewelia and her men and rips a giant crevasse through the ground destroying everything in its path.

Graveheart HEARS the screams. Suddenly, we see that the cannon is taking aim on Jewelia.Graveheart pulls out a grenade and flies through the air, launching it in the direction of the cannon. It blows a massive hole in the wall destroying the cannon.

We turn to the battlefield and see guards laying everywhere, Jewelia lays on the ground half unconscience.

Graveheart extends a helping hand and carries her to safety.

JEWELIA
(weakly)
(164) The attack...must...go on...

GRAVEHEART
(165) Forget it. You're hurt and your men are outnumbered.

JEWELIA
(166) Then they shall die for me, as they should.

Graveheart knows she is not thinking straight so he decides to make the call.

GRAVEHEART
(167) RETREAT!

INT. PRISON PLANET - CELL BLOCK

The rows of cells are long and endless, dwarfing Sternum, Jade and Femur. Sternum looks around, taking it all in.

STERNUM
(168) Ironic, isn't it, brother? You stole my kingdom, but now I rule another.

Femur gives a big smile.

FEMUR
(169) See, bro? Guess, in a way, I did ya a big favor, huh? I've got my world and you've got yours.

Sternum smiles at Femur eliciting a big smile in response. Then, suddenly, Sternum whips out his weapon and aims it at his brother.

STERNUM
(170) Then perhaps it is time I return the favor, dear brother...by providing you a swift death!

int. plANET ICE - MONITOR ROOM

Tekla examines the still-smoking form of Voxx, very worried. Pyrus watches.

TEKLA

(171) Voxx is offline, in need of major repair. Mantel must have put safe guards in the system.

PYRUS
(172) But without Voxx, what can we do?

TEKLA
(173) We have no choice. We must to surrender the Alliance to Lord Mantel.

As Tekla checks out Voxx, Pyrus clenches his fist.

PYRUS
(174) But how did Mantel get the access codes?

Tekla turns from Voxx, and activates one of the viewscreens.

TEKLA
(175) It doesn't really matter now. If we do not act, the Beast Armada will destroy our ships.

Suddenly, Mantel's image appears on the viewscreen.

LORD MANTEL (FILTERED)
(176) Ahhh, I have been waiting.

Favoring Tekla, looking not at all happy.

TEKLA
(177) All right, Lord Mantel, you win. As of now, command of the Alliance is...
(she almost spits the word)
...Yours.

On the viewscreen, Mantel pulls out the data crystal and then inserts it inhis command console restoring power to the Alliance.

LORD MANTEL (cont'd)
(178) As it should be. And, as promised..

EXT. SPACE

The Fleets are back on line, they turn their ships and fire upon the Beast Drones, they cheer at the victory.

INT. PLANET ICE - MONITOR ROOM

Tekla stares at the monitor as if she's lost her best friend.

TEKLA
(181) It isn't possible. I cannot believe it.

PYRUS
(182) What, Tekla? What's wrong?

Tekla inputs data on the computer. The image of Mantel holding the crystal pops up. As she talks, we PUSH IN on the crystal in a series of magnifying close-ups.

TEKLA
(183) That necklace Mantel was holding, It contained all the access codes to all the Alliance defenses.

PYRUS
(184) Then Pelvus must have gave it to him.

TEKLA
(185) No. Not Pelvus...

She types and the computer searches for an image.A photo appears on the screen revealing who is wearing it: It is JADE

TEKLA (cont'd)
(186) Jade.

They turn, staring at each other in shock and disappointment.

INT. PRISON PLANET - CELL BLOCK

Before Sternum can shoot Femur, Jade suddenly kicks the weapon from his hand, and aims it at a horrified Femur.

JADE
(187) No. Permit me. I've wanted to kill this toad for a very long time.

FEMUR
(188) (gulps)

And, as Jade begins to squeeze the trigger, we:

FADE OUT.

END EPISODE